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Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled:

"Globalization and interdependence:

"(a) Globalization and interdependence;

"(b) International migration and development;

"(c) Culture and development;

"(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 15th to 18th meetings, on 19, 20 and 23 October. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/61/SR.15-18). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 2 to 4 October (see A/C.2/61/SR.2-6). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in six parts, under the symbol A/61/424 and Add.1-5.

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Letter dated 28 September 2006 from the representative of South Africa addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/486)

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Report of the Secretary-General on the role of innovation, science and technology in pursuing development in the context of globalization (A/61/286)

Item 55 (b)
International migration and development

Report of the Secretary-General (A/60/871)

Note by the President of the General Assembly transmitting the summary of informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector (A/60/187)

Note by the President of the General Assembly transmitting the summary of the first High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, held at United Nations Headquarters on 14 and 15 September 2006 (A/61/515)

Letter dated 13 April 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Belgium addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/73)

Letter dated 7 June 2006 from the representative of Peru addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/91)

Letter dated 19 July 2006 from the representative of Morocco addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/170)

Letter dated 31 March 2006 from the representative of Benin addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/230)

Note verbale dated 31 August 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina addressed to the Secretariat (A/61/315)

Letter dated 1 September 2006 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/316)

Letter dated 5 September 2006 from the representative of Brazil addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/321)

Letter dated 30 August 2006 from the representative of the Dominican Republic addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/343)

Letter dated 7 September 2006 from the representative of the Congo addressed to the President of the General Assembly, transmitting documents adopted by the Executive Council of the African Union at its ninth ordinary session, held in Banjul, from 25 to 29 July 2006 (A/61/345)

Letter dated 14 September 2006 from the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/346)

Letter dated 5 October 2006 from the representative of Mexico addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/506)

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Culture and development

Letter dated 18 May 2006 from the representative of Paraguay addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/86)

Letter dated 14 September 2006 from the representative of Kazakhstan addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/378-S/2006/761)

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Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/177)

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Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/269)

Letter dated 12 June 2006 from the representatives of Azerbaijan and Lithuania to the Secretary-General (A/61/93)

Letter dated 6 July 2006 from the representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey to the Secretary-General (A/61/126)

Letter dated 24 July 2006 from the representative of Azerbaijan addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/181)

4. At the 15th meeting, on 19 October, introductory statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Population Division of the Department, the Programme Specialist for Culture of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Programme Officer of the New York Office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Director of the Development Policy and Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (see A/C.2/61/SR.15).

5. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (see A/C.2/61/SR.15).